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STRUCTURE COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE

(PA-1406)

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135 S. Second St., at SE cor. Sansom St.
Brick with brownstone and granite trim,
approx. 105' (seven-bay front) x 150',
six stories (originally with central
tower), flat roof (originally mansard
as sixth story), central four-story en-
trance pavilion. Built 1867-68, John
Crump, architect; partially destroyed by

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fire 1869; rebuilt 1870, James H. Windrim, architect; Benjamin Ketchum, builder; cupola added before 1875; tower removed, interior extensively altered 1901-02, Seymour Davis, architect; George Kessler, contractor; mansard roof removed 1910; interior altered, reinforced 1927, Clarence E. Winder, architect. Largest and most important commercial organization in late 19th c. Site of world's first automatic telephone exchange during occupancy of Keystone Telephone Co. 1902-44. 2 ext. photos (1972).

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